Gas Agency Pandav Nagar for not supplying LPG cylinder to the customers in time;

(b) if so, whether any complaint for supply of under weight LPG cylinder by the said company has also come to the notice of Government;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the complaints are being hushed up at the lower level; and

(d) if the reply to the parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative what steps Government propose to take against these agencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BARAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. While complaints received against M|s Nav Yug Gas Agency mostly related to delay in supply of LPG refills, these against Rakant Gas Agency alleged supply of underweight cyclinders.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The oil Marketing companies have issued Caution|Warning Letters to the concerned LPG distributors. The working of these distributorships is being closely monitored by the Companies concerned.

Autonomy to public sector undertakings

556. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

SHRI YALLA SESI-
BHUSHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to give more autonomy to the public sector undertakings so as to make them accountable to Government;

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme to achieve this objective; and

(c) whether any guidelines have been framed to prevent interference in day-to-day working of the public sector undertakings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) and (b) The Government is of the view that the public enterprises at present enjoy sufficient degree of autonomy required for them to function as commercial organisations commensurate with their accountability and the Government's own accountability to Parliament. However, in a fast changing situation, the adequancy or otherwise of the autonomy is under constant review.

(c) All the Administrative Ministries| Departments have been advised that they should not interfere in areas of the decision making which are well within the delegated powers of the public enterprises.

Dismissal of Chairman-cum-Managing Director of Burn Standard Company

557. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

SHRI YALLA SESI-
BHUSHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairman-cum-Managing Director of the public sector undertaking, Burn Standard Company, has recently been dismissed from service by Government; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The CMD was dismissed as he was found guilty of certain charges in disciplinary proceedings conducted against him. The matter is however, *sub-judice*, in Calcutta High Court.